



WESTHAMPTON

Hampshire County



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NARRATIVE

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The Town of Westhampton is a small, rural community in Hampshire County, twenty miles northwest of Springfield and about 100 miles west of Boston. It is a residential town which has a two year-old elementary school with one class per grade. The regional junior senior high school is located in the center of town and is shared with four neighboring towns.

There are several dairy farms which continue to operate full-time. Maple sugar houses can be seen throughout the town, and many residents engage in maple sugaring in the winter.

The center offers a picturesque setting with a library, town hall, church and the town common. The Westhampton Blacksmith Shop Museum is nearby. It houses a vast collection of memorabilia donated by residents and continues to preserve the history of the town.

(Narrative supplied by community)



GEOGRAPHY

Location

Western Massachusetts, bordered by Chesterfield and Williamsburg on the north, Northampton and Easthampton on the east, Southampton on the southeast and south, and Huntington on the west. Westhampton is 19 miles northwest of Springfield, 102 miles west of Boston, and 156 miles from New York City.

Total Area: 27.34 sq. miles

Land Area: 27.14 sq. miles

Population: 1,327

Density: 49 per sq. mile

Climate

(National Climatic Data Center)

(Knightville Dam Station)

Normal temperature in January.....20.1°F

Normal temperature in July.....68.7°F

Normal annual precipitation.....45.1"

U.S.G.S. Topographical Plates

Westhampton, Easthampton

Regional Planning Agency

Pioneer Valley Planning Commission

Metropolitan Statistical Area

(1993 Definition)



GOVERNMENT

Municipal Offices

Main Number: (413) 527-0463

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Form of Government

Board of Selectmen

Open Town Meeting

Year Incorporated

As a town: 1778

Registered Voters (Secretary of State 1994)

Number	%
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Total Registered 879

Democrats 117 13.3 % Republicans 102 11.6 % Other parties 0 0.0 % Unenrolled Voters 660 75.1 %

Legislators

[Senators and Representatives by City and Town](#)



DEMOGRAPHICS

Table DP-1. Profile of General Demographic Characteristics: 2000

Geographic Area: Westhampton town, Hampshire County, Massachusetts

[For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see text]

Subject	Number	Percent	Subject	Number	Percent
Total population.....	1,468	100.0	HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE		
SEX AND AGE			Total population.....	1,468	100.0
Male.....	728	49.6	Hispanic or Latino (of any race).....	8	0.5
Female.....	740	50.4	Mexican.....	1	0.1
Under 5 years.....	76	5.2	Puerto Rican.....	4	0.3
5 to 9 years.....	106	7.2	Cuban.....	-	-
10 to 14 years.....	126	8.6	Other Hispanic or Latino.....	3	0.2
15 to 19 years.....	91	6.2	Not Hispanic or Latino.....	1,460	99.5
20 to 24 years.....	49	3.3	White alone.....	1,443	98.3
25 to 34 years.....	135	9.2	RELATIONSHIP		
35 to 44 years.....	320	21.8	Total population.....	1,468	100.0
45 to 54 years.....	284	19.3	In households.....	1,468	100.0
55 to 59 years.....	87	5.9	Householder.....	542	36.9
60 to 64 years.....	60	4.1	Spouse.....	374	25.5
65 to 74 years.....	83	5.7	Child.....	451	30.7
75 to 84 years.....	38	2.6	Own child under 18 years.....	353	24.0
85 years and over.....	14	1.0	Other relatives.....	48	3.3
Median age (years).....	40.2	(X)	Under 18 years.....	20	1.4
18 years and over.....	1,095	74.6	Nonrelatives.....	53	3.6
Male.....	540	36.8	Unmarried partner.....	31	2.1
Female.....	555	37.8	In group quarters.....	-	-
21 years and over.....	1,054	71.8	Institutionalized population.....	-	-
62 years and over.....	164	11.2	Noninstitutionalized population.....	-	-
65 years and over.....	135	9.2	HOUSEHOLD BY TYPE		
Male.....	66	4.5	Total households.....	542	100.0
Female.....	69	4.7	Family households (families).....	422	77.9
RACE			With own children under 18 years.....	186	34.3
One race.....	1,457	99.3	Married-couple family.....	374	69.0
White.....	1,446	98.5	With own children under 18 years.....	159	29.3
Black or African American.....	-	-	Female householder, no husband present.....	32	5.9
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	5	0.3	With own children under 18 years.....	20	3.7
Asian.....	2	0.1	Nonfamily households.....	120	22.1
Asian Indian.....	-	-	Householder living alone.....	86	15.9
Chinese.....	-	-	Householder 65 years and over.....	28	5.2
Filipino.....	-	-	Households with individuals under 18 years.....	198	36.5
Japanese.....	1	0.1	Households with individuals 65 years and over.....	98	18.1
Korean.....	1	0.1	Average household size.....	2.71	(X)
Vietnamese.....	-	-	Average family size.....	3.07	(X)
Other Asian ¹	-	-	HOUSING OCCUPANCY		
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-	Total housing units.....	623	100.0
Native Hawaiian.....	-	-	Occupied housing units.....	542	87.0
Guamanian or Chamorro.....	-	-	Vacant housing units.....	81	13.0
Samoan.....	-	-	For seasonal, recreational, or		
Other Pacific Islander ²	-	-	occasional use.....	66	10.6
Some other race.....	4	0.3	Homeowner vacancy rate (percent).....	0.6	(X)
Two or more races.....	11	0.7	Rental vacancy rate (percent).....	-	(X)
Race alone or in combination with one			HOUSING TENURE		
or more other races: ³			Occupied housing units.....	542	100.0
White.....	1,457	99.3	Owner-occupied housing units.....	508	93.7
Black or African American.....	2	0.1	Renter-occupied housing units.....	34	6.3
American Indian and Alaska Native.....	12	0.8	Average household size of owner-occupied units.....	2.74	(X)
Asian.....	3	0.2	Average household size of renter-occupied units.....	2.24	(X)
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander.....	-	-			
Some other race.....	5	0.3			

- Represents zero or rounds to zero. (X) Not applicable.

¹ Other Asian alone, or two or more Asian categories.

² Other Pacific Islander alone, or two or more Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander categories.

³ In combination with one or more of the other races listed. The six numbers may add to more than the total population and the six percentages may add to more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000.



HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Home Sales (Banker & Tradesman) -

[Town Stats - Free market Statistics](#)

Subsidized Housing Units (DHCD 1998)

[DHCD Subsidized Housing Inventory](#)

Subsidized Housing Units: The number of housing units which count toward the municipality's 10% goal for low- and moderate-income housing. It includes both subsidized affordable units and market rate units in certain eligible subsidized developments.

Public Housing Units (DHCD 1999)

Conventional State: 0

Conventional Federal: 0

Rental Assistance(DHCD 1999)

State (MRVP: 0

Federal (Section 8): 0



TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION AND ACCESS

Westhampton is located between the Berkshires and the Pioneer Valley. The town has good access to the airport and rail facilities of the latter region, due to its location which is close to U.S. Route 20.

Major Highways

The principal highway is State Route 66.

Rail

There is no passenger or freight rail service in Westhampton, but the network of intermodal facilities serving Massachusetts is easily accessible.

Bus

Westhampton is a member of the Franklin Regional Transit Authority (FRTA). There is no fixed route service, but FRTA provides paratransit services for the elderly and disabled through the Westhampton Council on Aging.

Other

The LaFleur Airport, a General Aviation (GA) facility located in nearby Northampton, has a 3,506'x 50' asphalt runway. Instrument approaches available: Non-precision.



CULTURE AND RECREATION

LIBRARIES

[Board of Library Commissioners On-line Library Catalog](#)

(American Association of Museums)

None

MUSEUMS

RECREATION

[Telephone Numbers for Public Information](#)

Recreational Facilities (Recreational sites and activities)

[Department of Environmental Management Recreation Section](#)



MISCELLANEOUS

HEALTH FACILITIES

(Dept. of Public Health 1992)

Hospitals

None

Long Term Care

None

Hospices

None

Rest Homes

None

UTILITIES

[Telephone Numbers for Public Utilities](#)

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